

**Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC)
Competitive Panel Evaluation Form**

Preliminary Review Checklist

NEC Region:	
Funding Period:	
Geographic Service Area:	
Applicant Name (SF424 signature):	
Organization Name (If different than applicant name):	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Telephone:	

Preliminary Cost Information Section

Please do not enter any data in the gray shaded cells.

	Year 1	Yr 1 - %	Year 2	Yr 2 - %	Year 3	Yr 3 - %	Total	Total %
Federal Share	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!
Non-Federal Cost Share:								
Client Fees	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!
Cash	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!
In-Kind Share	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Non-Federal Cost Share (20% Min.)	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!
Total Project Cost	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!	\$0	#DIV/0!

Disqualification/Rejection of Application

If either of the following is answered in the negative, the applicant shall be disqualified:

Please ck yes or no

	Yes	No
1. Signed application included - OMB Standard Form 424, "Application for Federal Assistance"?		
2. Application received by deadline?		
3. Application is to operate an MBEC?		
(a) Responsive and warrants further evaluation		

Administrative Review

Note: Please enter all points deducted as a positive number - it will be deducted appropriately

	Points Deducted
1. Application (paper submission only) in triplicate - one original and two copies? (If no, deduct 1 point)	0.0
2. Table of contents provided? (If no, deduct 1/2 point)	0.0
3. Pages numbered consecutively? (Deduct 1/2 point for any or all missing parts)	0.0
4. Incomplete Program Narratives? (Deduct a total of 1 point for any or all missing parts)	0.0
5. Other Required Forms either missing or not signed as required? (Deduct 2 points)	0.0

Comment for deduction(s)

Total Deductions	0.0

Summary of Panel Points Awarded

Please do not enter any data in this section

	Max Points	Actual Points Awarded	Percent Points Awarded
Section I. Applicant Capability	40	0.0	0%
Section II. Resources	20	0.0	0%
Section III. Techniques & Methodologies	20	0.0	0%
Section IV. Proposed Budget/Costs	20	0.0	0%
Sub-Total	100	0.0	
Section V. Non-Federal Cost Share Bonus	5	0.0	
Administrative Points Deducted		0.0	
Final Score	105	0.0	

Note: All sections (I through IV) must obtain 70% min. points awarded to qualify as a successful panel.

PANELIST INSTRUCTIONS: -

The competitive review panel will score each MBEC application based upon the evaluation criteria. Points will be given for each evaluation criteria category not to exceed the maximum number of points allowed for each category. Scoring is restricted to the information contained in the application. Previous knowledge concerning the applicant organization or staff may not be taken into consideration at this point.

Scoring sheets have been designed to capture the requirements of the Federal Funding Opportunity Announcement. The rating scales have been designed to give panelists the option of assigning points. Each criterion is provided. However in general, here is a sample range of how points should be allocated:

- a) Zero points if the criteria was not addressed
- b) 0.5 to 1 point if *minimally* addressed. This means the applicant has recognized the criteria but has not provided detailed information.
- c) 1 to 2 points for an *adequate response*. This means that the applicant has recognized the criteria and provided a response that contains some indication that he can satisfy the criteria.
- d) 1.5 to 2.5 points for an *extended response*. This means that the applicant has provided a detailed discussion of the criteria and given evidence that the criteria will be fully met.
- e) 2 to 5 points for an *outstanding response*. This means that the applicant fully understands the requirements as reflected in the discussion of how the criteria will be will be met. The applicant's response is substantive and examples are provided where appropriate.
- f) Issue points in 0.5 or whole number increments
- g) You will need to use the "View" - Header function to enter the Applicant's Name and Location, and the "Footer" function to enter your name as a panel member and date of paneling.
- h) Start with entering the information highlighted on the 1st page of the Summary sheet.
- i) In the required Federal and Non Federal Share in the Preliminary Cost Information Section, do not enter any data in the grey shaded areas.
- j) Administrative Review - Enter the appropriate assigned points if applicable in a positive number. The point will be deducted appropriately.
- k) Summary of Panel Points Awarded - Do not enter any data in this section (grey shaded). Data will be automatically transferred to this section once you rate and score the various criterion sections.
- l) Please provide a comment on all questions that should correspond with your rating. In addition if you do not provide a score for a question, a comment is also required indicating "no information provided" or your reason for no score.
- m) Please remember the FFO (Pg. 45) specifically states that an application must receive at least 70% of the total points available for each evaluation criterion, in order for the applicant to be considered for funding.
- n) Please do not attempt to alter this form, as doing this may void the calculation formulas.
- o) Comments are mandatory; please refer to page number of application.

Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC)			
Competitive Panel Evaluation Form			
Section I. Applicant Capability			
Maximum Points Allowable = 40		Total Points Awarded:	-
		Percentage Awarded:	0%

Instructions

For this criterion, the applicant must consider among other things, knowledge of economic region, i.e. minority business demographics, an assessment of the community's needs, prior experience in matchmaking and brokering and coaching and mentoring. A critical area of assessment is the applicant's client base and his ability to assess and evaluate clients.

The following information shall be evaluated:

A. MBE Community - Knowledge/Previous Experience in the MBE Community
(Maximum 4 Points)

Points Awarded: -

Panel Definition:

Experience and knowledge of the minority business sector within the defined geographic area and strategies for enhancing its (MBE) growth and expansion. Particular emphasis shall be on expanding SGI and and/or rapid growth potential firms in the designated geographic area.

i) To what extent does the applicant demonstrate knowledge of the MBE sector within the defined geographic service area? (2 points max.)

Points -

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts. at extended level; 2.0 pts. at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

ii) To what extent does the applicant demonstrate the experience and strategies for enhancing MBE growth in the defined geographic service area? (1 point max.)

Points -

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

iii) To what extent does the applicant demonstrate knowledge of expanding SGI and/or rapid growth-potential MBEs in the defined geographic service area? (1 point max.)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

B. Business Consulting
Maximum 5 points

Points Awarded:

Panel Definition:

Experience and knowledge of coaching and mentoring techniques related to serving SGI & rapid growth-potential minority firms.

i) To what extent does the applicant demonstrate experience in or knowledge of consulting SGI and/or rapid growth-potential firms in the defined geographic service area? (5 points max.)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 1.0 pts at minimal level; 2.5 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed 3.5 pts. at extended level; 5.0 pts. at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

C. Financing
(Maximum 5 points)

Points Awarded

Panel Definition

Experience in and knowledge of the preparation and formulation of successful financial transactions. Evaluate the applicant organization's professional working relationships within and outside of the area with minorities and non-minority financial institutions. In addition, review any other public/private sector involvement that the applicant organization and/or its proposed staff may have in obtaining financings that could assist them in operating the MBEC.

i. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate experience in matching MBEs with sources of capital? (1.0 points max)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

ii. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate experience in producing loan packages and/or bonds applicable to MBEs? (3 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed 2.0 pts. at extended level; 3.0 pts. at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

iii. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate experience in producing or assisting with equity/venture capital? (1 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

D. Procurement and Contracting
(Maximum 5 points)

Points Awarded

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Panel Definition

Discuss the applicant's experience in and knowledge of public and private sector contracting opportunities for MBEs, as well as demonstrated expertise in assisting MBEs into supply chains.

The applicant should provide key and/or support staff background in support of proposal claims. Staff experience should demonstrate the ability to facilitate and/or structure procurements, bids, etc. The applicant should provide information about its ability to work with large buying organizations and procurement/contracting officials.

i. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate experience in and knowledge of public and private sector contracting and/or opportunities? (1 points max.)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level

Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

ii. To what extent does the applicant have experience in facilitating contracts and procurements to MBEs? (2 points max.)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

iii. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate experience in assisting MBEs into supply chains? (1 point max.)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level

Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

iv. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate an ability to assist MBEs in the areas of joint ventures and/or teaming? (1 point max)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

E. Financing Networks

(Maximum 5 points)

Points Awarded

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Panel Definition

Assess the applicant's resources and professional relationships within the corporate, banking and investment community that may be beneficial to minority-owned firms.

i. To what extent does the applicant's proposal reflect knowledge of the resources and professional relationships within the corporate, banking and investment community that can be beneficial to minority-owned firms? (2 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

ii. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate working relationships with financial institutions capable to provide loans (alternative and/or standard) financings to MBE clients? (1 point max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

Panelist Comments:

iii. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate working relationships with financial institutions capable to provide bonds (alternative and/or standard) to MBE clients in the construction industries? (1 point max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

Panelist Comments:

iv. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate working relationships with financial entities capable of providing equity and/or venture capital to MBE clients? (1 point max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

F. Establishment of a Self-Sustainable Service Model
 (Maximum 3 points)

Points Awarded

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Panel Definition

Assess the applicant's summary plan to establish a self-sustainable model for continued services to the MBE community beyond the MBDA funding cycle.

i. To what extent does the applicant describe a plan to establish self-sustaining model for continuing to serve the MBE community beyond receipt of MBDA funds? (2 point maximum)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

ii. To what extent is the applicant's concept for building a self-sustainable model feasible for execution in 9 years or sooner? (1 point maximum)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

G. MBE Advocacy

(Maximum 3 points)

Points

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Panel Definition

Discuss the applicant's experience and expertise in advocating on behalf of minority businesses, both as to specific transactions in which a minority business seeks to engage, and as to broad market advocacy for the benefit of the minority community at large.

i. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate prior activity that broadens market opportunities for all minority businesses? (2 point maximum)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

ii. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate prior activity that yields specific transactions for minority businesses? (1 point maximum)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

Panelist Comments:

H. Key Staff

(Maximum 10 points)

Points

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Panel Definition

Assess the applicant's qualifications, experience and proposed role of staff who will operate the MBEC.
In particular, make an assessment that determines whether the proposed key staff possess the expertise in utilizing information systems and the ability to successfully deliver services as outlined in the work requirements.

i. Applicant provides the following documents of the project director

Points

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(a) letter of commitment, (b) resume, (c) copy of original transcript? (2 points max.)

Resumes of of other key individuals who will be involved in operating the MBEC.

There is no requirement for operator or other key staff to submit college transcripts or letters of commitment.

Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

Zero points if P.D. less than 100% time

0.5 pts if one of three items provided for P.D.

1.0 pts if two of three items provided for P.D.

1.5 pts if three of three items provided for P.D.

0.5 pts can be added if resume(s) for other key staff are provided

Panelist Comments:

ii. To what extent does the proposed staff (not contractors) have experience in working with SGI and/or rapid growth-potential MBEs? (2 point max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

iii. To what extent does the proposed staff have experience in access to capital; securing financial transactions for MBEs? (2 point max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

iv. To what extent does the proposed staff have experience in access to markets; securing procurement/contracting opportunities with private and/or public entities for MBEs? (2 points max.)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

v. To what extent do the qualifications, experience and proposed role of staff posses the expertise in utilizing information systems? (1 poin max)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

Panelist Comments:

vi. To what extent does the applicant maximize total number consulting hours available for the MBEC in a program year? (1 points max.)

Points

Calculation = (total consulting hrs+marketing hours)/total staff hours

Note: total consulting hours = staff and outside consulting resources

Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

Zero points if less than 60%

0.5 pts if % of total available consulting hours/yr = 60-69.9%

1.0 pts if % of total available consulting hours/yr = 70% or greater

Panelist Comments:

End Section I

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Section II. Resources

Maximum Points Allowable = 20

Total Points Awarded:

0.0

Percentage Awarded:

0%

Instructions

For this criterion, the applicant must show how it plans to carry out the MBEC work requirements as related to resources.

A. Resources

Points Awarded

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(Maximum 8 points)

Panel Definition:

Assess those resources (not included as part of non-federal cost sharing) that will be used, including (but not limited to) existing prior and/or current data lists that will serve in fostering immediate success for the MBEC.

i. Does the applicant provide a list of established resource providers?

Points

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For example: banks, financial institutions, bonding companies, business consultants, chambers of commerce, trade associations, state, local, and private technical assistance, providers that are available to assist minority companies? (2 points max.)

Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

ii. Does the applicant demonstrate the ability to conduct ongoing analysis of procurement and financial databases? (2 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

iii. Does the applicant discuss what resources will be utilized to accomplish the work requirements (not included as part of the cost-sharing arrangement)? (2 points max)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

iv. Does the applicant discuss how it plans to establish and maintain a network of resources? (2 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

B. Location

(Maximum 2 points)

Points Awarded

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Panel Definition:

Applicant must indicate if it shall establish a location for the Center that is separate and apart from any existing (operator) offices in the geographic service area. Location must be a primary office that utilizes at least 51% of budget and resources.

i. Does the applicant provide proof that MBEC will be located separate and apart from existing operator offices? (2 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

2 pts. if proposed

Zero points if not addressed

Zero points if proposed office allocated less than 51% of budget and resources.

Panelist Comments:**C. Partners****Points Awarded**

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(Maximum 5 points)

Panel Definition:

Applicant must indicate how it intends to establish and maintain the network of 5 Strategic Partners and how these partners will support the MBEC to meet its performance objectives.

- i. To what extent does the applicant demonstrate how it will establish and maintain the network of 5 (min) strategic partners throughout the program year? (2 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better

1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

- ii. To what extent will the proposed 5 Strategic Partners support the MBEC to meet its performance (goals, budget) objectives? (3 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed:

Zero points if not addressed

0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.5 pts. at adequate level or better

2.0 pts at extended level; 3.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

D. Equipment**Points Awarded**

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(Maximum 5 points)

Panel Definition

Assess how the applicant intends to accomplish the computer, hardware and software requirements.
 Note, it is permissible for the applicant to propose computers that are older than 2 but less than 4 years.
 In order to waive computer age limitation, applicant must provide documentation to support internal hardware meets computer requirements as outlined in the FFO. Please refer to program manager for assistance.

i. To what extent has the applicant met the computer requirements with respect to hardware and age of computers? (1 point max)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pt at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

ii. Does the applicant provide (a) network map, (b) agreement to adhere to MBDA security requirements? (3 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 1.5 pts. for item (a) network map
 Zero points if not addressed per item 1.5 pts. for item (b) agreement to security requirements
 Please provide sum of two in box

Panelist Comments:

iii. To what extent has the applicant proposal demonstrate adherence to meeting website, URL and Internet information requirements? (1 point max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pt at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

End Section II

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Section III. Techniques and Methodologies	
Maximum Points Allowable = 20	Total Points Awarded: - Percentage Awarded: 0%

Instructions

For this criterion, the applicant must show how it plans to carry out the MBEC work requirements.

It is important that the applicant adhere as much as possible to MBDA's programmatic requirements that are defined in the FFO.

**A. Performance Measures
(Maximum 10 Points)**
Points Awarded:

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Panel Definition:

Assess the proposal as it relates to each performance measure to the financial, information and market resources available in the geographic area to the applicant (including existing client list) and how the goals will be met (marketing plan). Specific attention should be placed on matching performance outcomes (as described in the FFO) with client service (billable) hours. The applicant should consider existing market conditions and its strategy to achieve the goal.

i. To what extent does the applicant propose to meet and or exceed the minimum performance levels? (2 points max.)

Points

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Rating Scale - pts if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:
ii. To what extent does the applicant's proposal demonstrate its ability and capacity for understanding its existing market conditions and how its plans to use this knowledge in achieving its goals? (2 points max.)

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:
iii. To what extent does the applicant's proposal reflect a system that corresponds to or may compliment MBDA's tracking and validating contracts and financings? (2 point max.)

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

iv. To what extent does the applicant relate each performance measure to the financial, information and market resources available in the defined geographic service area? (2 points max.)

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

v. To what extent does the applicant's proposed performance outcomes match with client service hours? (2 points max.)

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

B. Plan of Action.
 (Maximum 5 Points)

Points Awarded:

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Panel Definition:

Assess the proposal as it relates to providing specific detail on how the applicant will start operations. The MBEC shall have 30 days to become fully operational after the award is made. Fully operational means that all staff is hired, all signs are up, all items of furniture and equipment are in place and operational, all necessary forms are developed (e.g. client engagement letters, other standard correspondence, etc.), and the Center is ready to open its doors to the public.

- i. Program Operators have 30 days to become fully operational after an award is made does the applicant give assurance that this will happen. Fully operational means that all staff is hired, all signs are up, all items of furniture and equipment are in place and operational, all stationery forms are developed and the Center is ready to open its doors to the public. To what extent has the applicant assured the execution of the stated items? (2 points max.)

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

- ii. To what extent does the applicant's plan include a detailed discussion of how it will market the MBEC and leverage its current roster of MBEs to accomplish the initial program objectives? (2 points max)

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

- iii. To what extent does the applicant include a description in its proposal showing how they intend to establish a detailed organizational & functional framework for the management and operation of the MBEC and how the Center will recruit staff and clients? (1 point max)

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pt at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:



**C. Work Requirements Execution Plan.
(Maximum 5 Points)**

Points Awarded:

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Panel Definition:

Assess the proposal as it relates to how effectively and efficiently all staff time will be used to achieve the work requirements.

i) To what extent does the applicant include a description for how it intends to deliver services in the defined geographic service area? (2 points max.)

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

ii) To what extent does the applicant include a detailed work plan, which delineates a schedule of proposed activities and milestones for implementing tasks under the award? (1 points max)

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pt at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

iii) To what extent does the applicant indicate how it will utilize staff to execute the work plan? (2 points max.)

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
Zero points if not addressed 1.5 pts at extended level; 2.0 pts at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

End Section III

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Section IV. Proposed Budget and Costs	
Maximum Points Allowable = 20	Total Points Awarded: - Percentage Awarded: 0%

Instructions

For this criterion, applicants must submit separate budgets and narratives for each of the three fundign periods. Costs to the organization are expenses that it will incur in order for it to operate effectively. This section must contain a budget narrative. The budget narrative must provide information on how the money is going to be used and why. The proposed budget must be appropriate to the work requirements of the MBEC and the applicant's proposal overall. The budget narrative must provide sufficient information to justify line item expenditures in the SF-424A and the relationship to the program narrative.

The cost criterion is comprised of two parts:

- (a) Analyses of the reasonableness, allowability and allocability of costs.
- (b) Analysis of the applicant's proposed cost share.

1. Reasonableness, Allowability and Allocability of Costs.
(Maximum 5 points)

Points Awarded: -

Panel Definition:

Information is located in the Form SF-424A section and the "Proposed Budget/Costs" section of the program narrative.

- i. To what extent does the proposal provide an adequate descriptive narrative for each line item (by object class category) of the Federal and Non-Federal Costs in the proposed budget which justifies and sufficiently breaks down each proposed cost ? Did the applicant include detailed costs for staff participation, travel, and expenditures for the activities identified in the Announcement? (3 points max.)**

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level
 Zero points if not addressed 2.0 pts. at extended level; 3.0 pts. at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

- ii. Are the costs reasonable, allowable under the cost principals, and allocable to an MBEC Award? (1 point max.)**

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0.5 pts at minimal level; 1.0 pts. at adequate level or better
 Zero points if not addressed

Panelist Comments:

- iii. To what extent are direct costs allocated to key consulting staff? (1 point max.)**

Points

This is best evaluated as a percentage of total direct costs.

Calculate: sum of salary + fringe benefits divided by overall budget.

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 0 pts if less than 40%
 Zero points if not addressed 0.5 pts if 40-59.9%
 1.0 pt if 60% or better

Panelist Comments:

2. Proposed Cost Sharing
(Maximum 5 points)

Points Awarded:

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Panel Definition:

Information is located in the Form SF-424A section and the "Proposed Budget/Costs" section of the program narrative.

- i. Applicant must propose at least a 20% non-Federal cost share amount of the total project cost. To what extent does the applicant's proposal meet the 20% non-federal cost share? (3 points max.)**

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 3.0 points if 20% or more is proposed

Zero points if not addressed

Zero points if 20% cost share not met.

Panelist Comments:

- ii. Are commitment letters or other proper documentation from the non-federal cost share provider(s) attesting to the amounts included in the proposal? Reminder an original document is required for each. Failure to provide shall require an adjustment to the budget/proposal. (2 points max.)**

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 2 pts if all commitment letters included
1.5 pts if 66-99% of all commitment letters included
1 pt if 50-65% of all commitment letters included
0.5 pts if 33-49% of all commitment letters included
0 pts if less than 33% of commitment letters included

Panelist Comments:

3. Performance Based Budget
(Maximum 10 points)

Points Awarded:

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- i) Does the applicant discuss how the budget is related to the accomplishment of the work requirements and the Performance measures? (5 points max)**

Points

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Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 1.0 pts at minimal level; 3.0 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed 4 pts at extended level; 5.0 pts. at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

ii) Does the applicant provide a budget narrative that clearly links accomplishments of the work requirements to its Performance measures? If so, to what extent? (5 points max)

Points

Rating Scale - points, if addressed: 1.0 pts at minimal level; 3.0 pts. at adequate level
Zero points if not addressed 4 pts at extended level; 5.0 pts. at outstanding level

Panelist Comments:

End Section IV

Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC) Competitive Panel Evaluation Form		
Section V - Non-Federal Cost Share Bonus		
Maximum Points Allowable = 5	Total Points Awarded:	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 40px; height: 20px; margin: 0 auto; background-color: #cccccc;">-</div>

Panel Definition:

Proposals with cost sharing for year 1, 2 and 3 which exceeds 20% that is allocated to the MBEC will be awarded bonus points on the following scale:

- more than 20% but less than 25% = 1 point
- 25% or more, but less than 30% = 2 points
- 30% or more, but less than 35% = 3 points
- 35% or more, but less than 40% = 4 points
- 40% or more = 5 points

Information is located in the Form SF-424A section and the "Proposed Budget/Costs" section

1. Non-Federal Cost Share Bonus Points (Maximum of 5 Points)

Points Awarded:

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What percent over the required 20% non Federal Cost Share did the applicant propose for all program years?

Panelist Comments: